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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2021

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RELATING TO FISH AND WILDLIFE -- GENERAL PROVISIONS

Introduced By: Representative Patricia A. Serpa

Date Introduced: April 29, 2021

Referred To: House Environment and Natural Resources

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 20-1-26 of the General Laws in Chapter 20-1 entitled "General
2 Provisions" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 ~~20-1-26. Freshwater invasive aquatic plants -- Prohibition on importation and~~
4 ~~possession~~ **Invasive plants -- Prohibition on importation and possession.**

5 (a) No person shall import, transport, disperse, distribute, introduce, sell, purchase, or
6 possess in the state any species of non-native (exotic) ~~freshwater~~ invasive ~~aquatic~~ plants, as defined
7 by the director. The director shall promulgate rules and regulations governing the prohibition and
8 its applicability. The prohibition and its enforcement shall not become effective until the rules and
9 regulations governing the prohibition and its applicability take effect.

10 (b) Violations of this section shall be punishable by a fine of not more than five hundred
11 dollars (\$500).

12 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION
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- 1 This act would prohibit the importation, transportation, disbursement, distribution, sale,
- 2 purchase, or possession of any species of non-native (exotic) invasive plants.
- 3 This act would take effect upon passage.

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